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Nineteen Forty-nine

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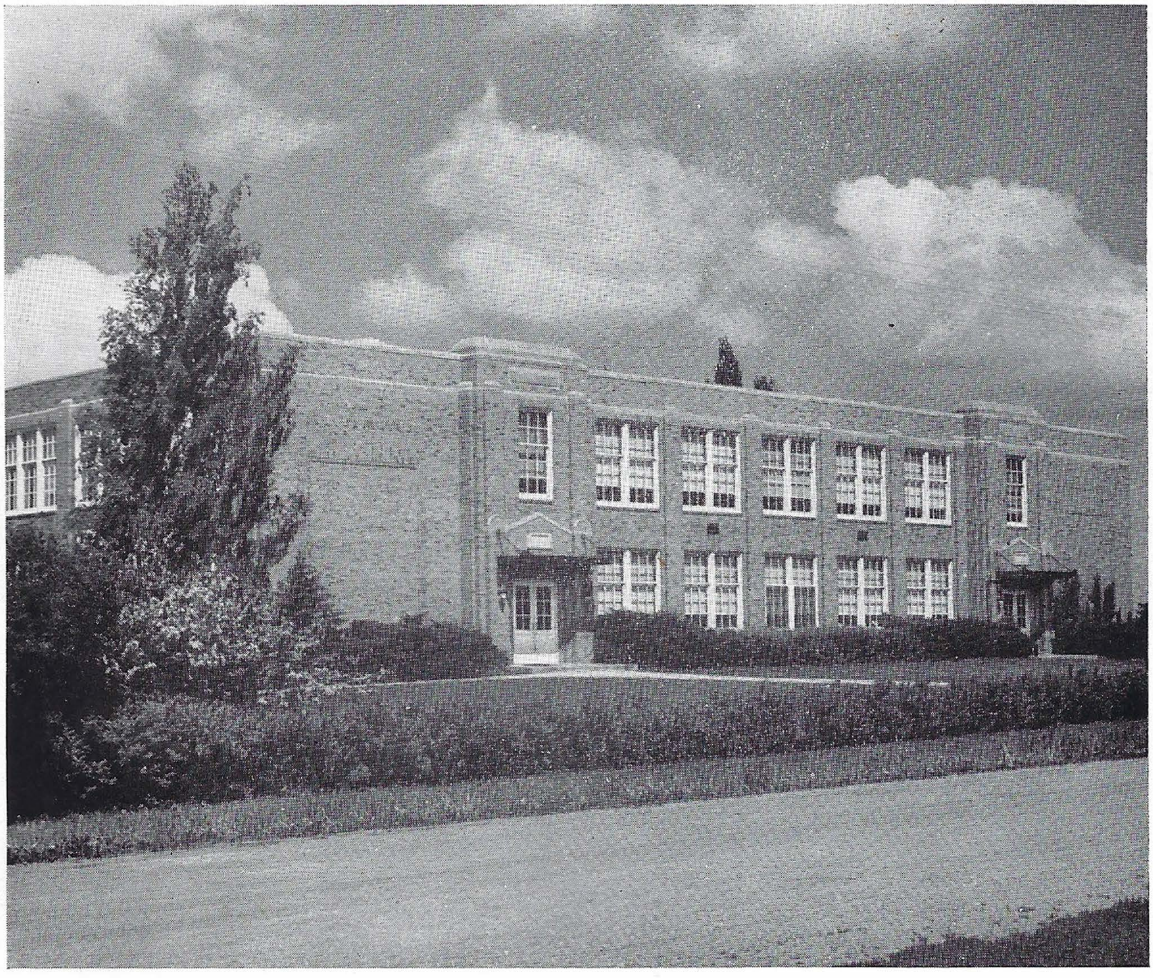
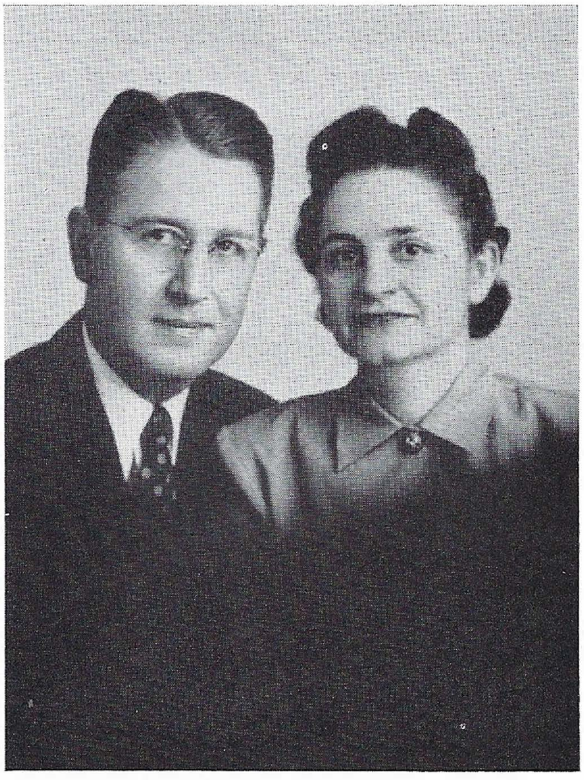


This excellent picture of the Maroa High School means much to we students. We are proud of the physical appearance of the building, but this building means more to us. It represents the predominate democratic school atmosphere which permeates our daily lives.

The building was erected in 1930. Classes began in this building on March 19, 1931. With the very fine maintenance program over a long period of years, the structure is still in very good condition. It houses the offices of the unit school district, academic and vocational classrooms, and a gymnasium and stage.

Although the building has served the needs of our community for many years, we hope future plans will include adequate facilities for every boy and girl. The facilities may mean a larger farm shop or general shop, a sound-proof music and speech room, a visual education room, a cafeteria, and housing for our fleet of school buses. All these may be necessary because of the anticipated future enrollment and the ever-increasing demands on education today.

A GREAT YEAR OF OUR LIVES AS



DEDICATION OF THE

We, the Senior Class of 1949, hereby dedicate our annual to Mr. and Mrs. Melvin J. Nicol because of their outstanding character, leadership, and continuous interest in all things connected with our school and community.

STORIED IN THE '49 **CARAVAN**

THE CARAVAN STAFF

FIRST ROW (l. to r.): Mr. Kitowski, Randall, Hockaday, Wilson, Hughes.
SECOND ROW (l. to r.): Bristow, Grimes, Montgomery, Gall, Smithers, McKinney, Rogers.
THIRD ROW (l. to r.): Hockaday, Jarvis, Neibuhr, Austin, Parlier, Fornwalt.
FOURTH ROW (l. to r.): Burris, Scott, Doak, Creason, James, Clifton, Riley.

EDITOR - - MARY ELLEN HOCKADAY

Assistant Editors - Rosemary Randall
Betty Wilson

Business Manager - - Gloria Hughes

Assistant Business Mgr. - Jack Creason

Advertising Manager - - Max Scott

Ass't Adv. Mgrs. - Marjean Montgomery
Kenneth Burris

Sports Editor - - - - - Guy Neibuhr

Ass't Sports Editor - - Frank Jarvis

Senior Class - - - - - Eugene Riley

Classes - - - - - - - Lois Bristow

Calendar - - - - - Richard Parlier

Photography - - - - Sherleen Gall
James Hockaday

Alumni - - - - - - Robert Austin

Faculty - - - - - - Nellie Fornwalt

Circulation Mgr. - - Carolyn Grimes

Ass't Cir. Mgrs. - - Tom Doak
Barbara Rogers

Art - - - - - - - - - Roger James

Activities - - - - - Francis Clifton
Lloyd Streight

Organizations - - - Betty Smithers

Commencement - - Nita McKinney

THE EDITOR'S FOREWORD

MARY ELLEN HOCKADAY

This is one of a long series of annuals which have been published since about 1915 by the senior classes of Maroa High. These books sum up the events of the year in between two protecting covers. As years go by, we will look between these covers and recall many pleasant memories under the direction of some wonderful teachers.

In these books are pictures of all the students in their classes and different activities. Of course the seniors are the highlights. The activities in which they have participated are summarized; they leave their will, prophecy, history, and quite a few other articles.

Our CARAVAN of '49 has a new feature which we would like for you to notice--classroom scenes showing some of our actual classes and class activities.

Early in the fall of '48, the members of the CARAVAN of '49, the staff, were chosen. As editor, it was my job to try to lead the members through a safe journey. Mr. Kitowski was our dependable guide, and Rosemary Randall and Betty Wilson were my co-operative assistants. The other members also each had jobs which they fulfilled very nicely.

The highest mountain we had to cross was that of soliciting enough ads to sponsor our book. We were troubled considerably about this because we were afraid we would have to drop a few of our wagons. This mountain was crossed very safely though, thanks to our faithful '49ers Ken Burris, Max Scott and Marjean Montgomery, who were aided by Guy Neibuhr, our advertising committee. Another crew of our workers, the subscription committee, which consisted of Tom Doak, Barbara Rogers and Carolyn Grimes, finished pushing us over the peak with an ample number of subscriptions. Many other members of our CARAVAN of '49 worked in the background, but their jobs were just as important as those of some of the members in the front wagon.

Now that you have been introduced to our book, we would like for you to proceed through the CARAVAN of '49, inspecting each of the individual wagons.

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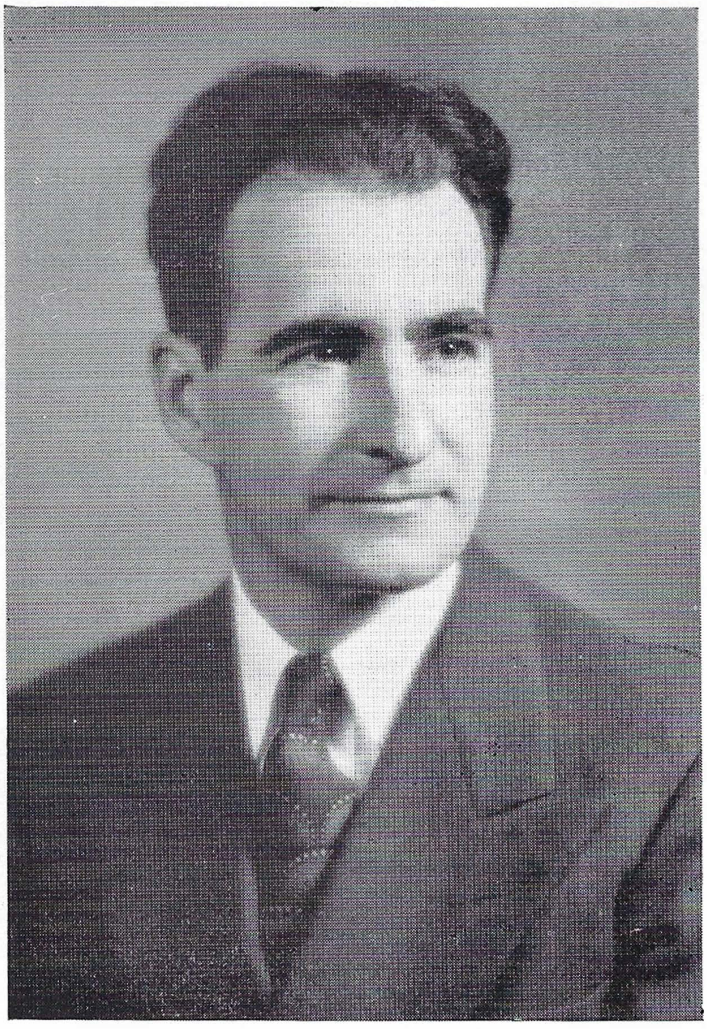
ADMINISTRATION

OUR SUPERINTENDENT



W. DAYTON KEYES, JR.
SUPERINTENDENT AND PRINCIPAL
A. B., Illinois Wesleyan University
A. M., University of Illinois
Graduate Work, University of Colorado

We have been fortunate to have had the privilege of attending Maroa High School under the leadership of Supt. W. D.Keyes, Jr. He is one of the outstanding school men in the state. His extraordinary intelligence, his excellent training and experience, his unquestionable character, his foresightedness, his commanding personality, his patience and fair-mindedness in all his dealings, and his wide knowledge of the broad aspects of education make him a man of leadership. This year one of his tremendous jobs was leading the organization of the community school unit district. Contacts which we seniors have had with him in our school and community life have left a most favorable impression and influence on our lives.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Left to Right: Pope, Harmon, Hill, Pres.; McGuire, Sec.; Sprague, Bolen, Stoutenborough, Clerk to Sec.
(Absent: Walters)

This is an historic picture inasmuch as this is the first school board elected by the people under the new community unit school district plan recently passed by the state legislature. We realize the numerous problems which have arisen under the new unit set-up. We believe that they have tackled these various problems in the fairest manner possible after discussing pro and con the merits of each decision. We realize many problems still confront them, but we do know, and feel, that they always will try to work for the best interests and needs of the boys and girls, and for the benefit of the community unit district as a whole. We thank them for all they have done for us. To them we look for the future progress in our school unit.

"So the teacher, so the school" is an old familiar saying. Mr. Keyes, our superintendent and principal, and Mr. Nicol, our assistant principal and agriculture instructor, by virtue of their splendid qualifications, direct our high school in a manner which is in keeping with the best principles of secondary school administration. We have learned to strive and live up to the fundamentals of a democratic life under their guidance. Many supervisors have commented favorably on the fine attitude and spirit in Maroa High developed under their leadership.

FACULTY

FIRST ROW (l. to r.): Worner, Fort, Sitter, Hughes, Grimmer, Coen.
SECOND ROW (l. to r.): Shull, Kitowski, Keyes, Boyd, Nicol. (Miss Ravnaas, absent).

This year's faculty seems to be one of the most well-balanced our high school has had in a number of years. All are well qualified as to training and experience for their particular job in accordance with the requirements of the accrediting agencies, the University and the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. Four of the above faculty members have master's degrees. The group of teachers has worked together in harmony and has the pupils' interest at heart. Each has brought to Maroa High School objectives and view points from many of the leading educational institutions in the United States, such as, Columbia University, Illinois Wesleyan University, Iowa State College, Millikin University, Normal University, Ripon College, Southern Illinois University, Universities of Colorado, Illinois, Iowa, Wisconsin, and Western Kentucky State College.

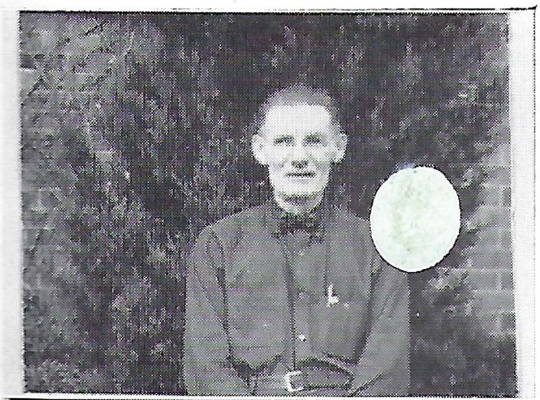
CHARLOTTE CREEKMUR EARLES

An efficient school secretary is a valuable aid in the smooth running of a school. Faith in the school set-up, pleasing personality, patience, a fund of detailed information, ability to meet people, accuracy in all work, and being well liked by all seem to sum up many of the attributes of a good secretary. Charlotte Creekmur Earles fits into the above category.

BUS DRIVERS

Left to Right: Pennypacker, Marlatt, Lancaster, Bundy, Karban, Rainey.

Some of the most important members of the local personnel are the school bus drivers. They are like teachers inasmuch as they have equivalent authority as to school rules and regulations. In addition, they really teach, and request of the pupils, courtesy, respect for the rights of others, punctuality, proper attitudes, and safety. Much time, effort, and responsibility is connected with their job. We students appreciate their cooperation.



CUSTODIAN

Another important member of our school personnel is our faithful custodian, Mr. Nelson "Red" Smith. His long period of service ever since the opening of the present building has been very successful.

The present excellent condition and maintenance program in our school is chiefly due to his untold efforts, hard work, and long hours. We students appreciate his cooperation.

NATIONAL CONGRESS OF PARENTS AND TEACHERS

P.-T.A. FOUNDERS' DAY PROGRAM

The aim of the annual Founders' Day program, held each year, is to develop in each locality a program that will create respect, understanding, and enthusiasm for the parent-teacher movement. This year, under the direction of Mrs. Robert Bolen, Jr., president of our P.-T.A., Past presidents of the local P.-T.A. and Mrs. R. Lillard, district director of P.-T.A., were honored guests. Below are pictures of the beautiful refreshment table and the group in attendance on Founders' Day program night.

STANDING (l. to r.): Mesdames R. Bolen, Smith, Leach, N. Stoutenborough, Rainey, Gillen, St. John, Longsdorf, Spires, Lillard.
SEATED (l. to r.): Mrs. W. D. Keyes, Jr., Mrs. Wm. McGuire.

1948-1949 PROGRAM THEME: FOR EVERY CHILD, THE HIGHEST ADVANTAGES

OFFICERS

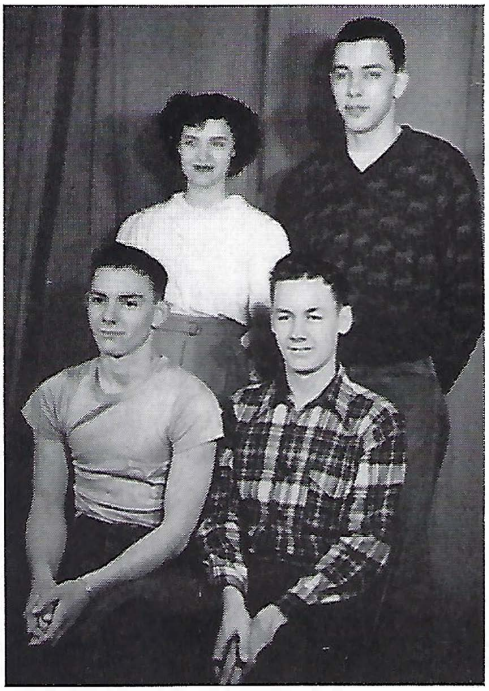
PRESIDENT - - - Mrs. Robert Bolen
VICE-PRESIDENT - - Mrs. L. M. Scott
SECRETARY - - Mrs. Marvin Randall
TREASURER - Mrs. Howard Montgomery

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Historian - - - Mrs. Clayton Rogers
Program - - - - Mrs. L. M. Scott
Publicity - - - - Mrs. Fred Coen
Membership - - - Mrs. Russell Jarvis
Finance - - - - - Mr. J. Kitowski
Hospitality - - - Mrs. Virgil Leach
Music - - - Mrs. Melbourne Lazelle
Health & P.-T.A. Magazine Mrs. Sherman Gall
Kitchen - - Mrs. Robert Bolen

CLASSES

SENIOR CLASS OFFICERS



First Row (l. to r.): Neibuhr, Scott.
Second Row (l. to r.): Smithers, James.

PRESIDENT - - - - - Max Scott
VICE-PRESIDENT - - - - Guy Neibuhr
SECRETARY - - - - Betty Smithers
TREASURER - - - - Roger James

SENIOR CLASS HISTORY

As our ancestors started their search for gold and wealth a century ago, so the Class of 1949 began their quest for knowledge in the fall of 1945.

With the help of a more experienced traveler, Mrs. White, we chose the leaders of our caravan. Russell Gilbert was elected president to be succeeded by Max Scott the second semester. They were ably assisted by Rosemary Randall, secretary, and Barbara Benedict, treasurer.

Our caravan lost during the first year: Lyle Ashbrook, Dwight Cox, Russell Gilbert, David Swank, Lloyd Streight and Dick Wiese.

We were "green" freshmen but we proudly took third place with our float in the homecoming parade. We were an active class and eagerly looked forward to the next year's experiences.

Our second year's travels saw us with a new advisor, Mr. John Kitowski, who led us for our last three years. We elected Jack Creason, president; Rosemary Randall, vice-president; Betty Smithers, secretary, and Guy Neibuhr, treasurer.

Betty Gronskowski, Lloyd Butler, Bob Burns, Frances Taylor, and a student of two weeks, Joan Patterson, left our caravan, while Nita McKinney and Jack Creason joined us.

Our sophomore year left many memories of second place for our float and weiner roasts. We were proud of our two cheerleaders and the basketball boys in our class.

The caravan moved quickly during our junior year through a maze of magazine campaigns, class rings, concession stands, the class play, and ending with the big event of the year, the Junior-Senior Banquet and Prom.

President, Max Scott; vice-president, Betty Wilson; secretary, Mary Ellen Hockaday, and treasurer, Guy Neibuhr, were the leaders this year.

Betty Wilson, Frank Jarvis and Lois Bristow were admitted to our caravan, while Barbara Benedict and Bernard Friis left us. Thus the senior class of 1949 ended the caravan trip with twenty-five members.

The last year of our travels! Our senior year and we have almost reached our goal. This year, too, went quickly with the ordering of graduation pictures, cards, invitations, the senior play, and the annual to be published by us. Plans were made for class night, baccalaureate, and commencement.

The members of our caravan had dwindled down to twenty-five. At the beginning of the year we lost Leonard Mee and Jean Weikle, but we gained Roger James, Lloyd Streight and Ken Burris.

Max Scott was again elected president, with Guy Neibuhr as vice-president, Betty Smithers as secretary, and Roger James as treasurer. We were proud to have Betty Smithers as Queen, and the boys on the basketball team from our class. We also won first place on our float.

Our caravan now ends its journey. We have had golden moments along the route, but our really golden opportunities are yet to be found by each one of us in his own way.

SENIORS

ROBERT AUSTIN

Annual Staff 4; Blue and Gold 4; Boys Club 1-2-3-4; Class Committees 1-2-3-4; F.F.A. 1-2-3-4; F.F.A. Judging Teams 3-4; Football 3-4; Junior Class Play 3; Senior Class Play 4; Track 3.

JACK CREASON

Warrensburg H. S. 1; Annual Staff 4; Band 2-3; Baseball 3; Basketball 2-3-4; Boys Club 2-3; Camera Club 2; Class Committees 2-3-4; Class Pres. 2; F.F.A. 2-3-4; F.F.A. Judging Teams 2-3-4; Football 2-3-4; Junior Class Play 3; Senior Class Play 4.

LOIS BRISTOW

Waynesville H. S. 1-2; Annual Staff 4; Blue and Gold 4; Class Committees 1-2-3-4; F.H.A. 1-2-3-4; Glee Club 3-4; Hi-Tri 3-4; Sec.-Treas. 2; Sophomore Play 2.

TOM DOAK

All Conference Football Tackle 4; Annual Staff 4; Basketball 2-3-4; Boys Club 2-3-4; Class Committees 1-2-3-4; Football 1-2-3-4; Football Capt. 4; F.F.A. 1-2-3-4; F.F.A. Committees 1-2-3-4; Track 1-2-3-4.

KENNETH BURRIS

Woodrow Wilson H. S., Los Angeles 1-2-3; Annual Staff 4; Baseball 4; Class Committees 4; County Chorus 4; District Music Contest 4; Football 4; Senior Class Play 4; Spanish Club 4.

NELLIE FORNWALT

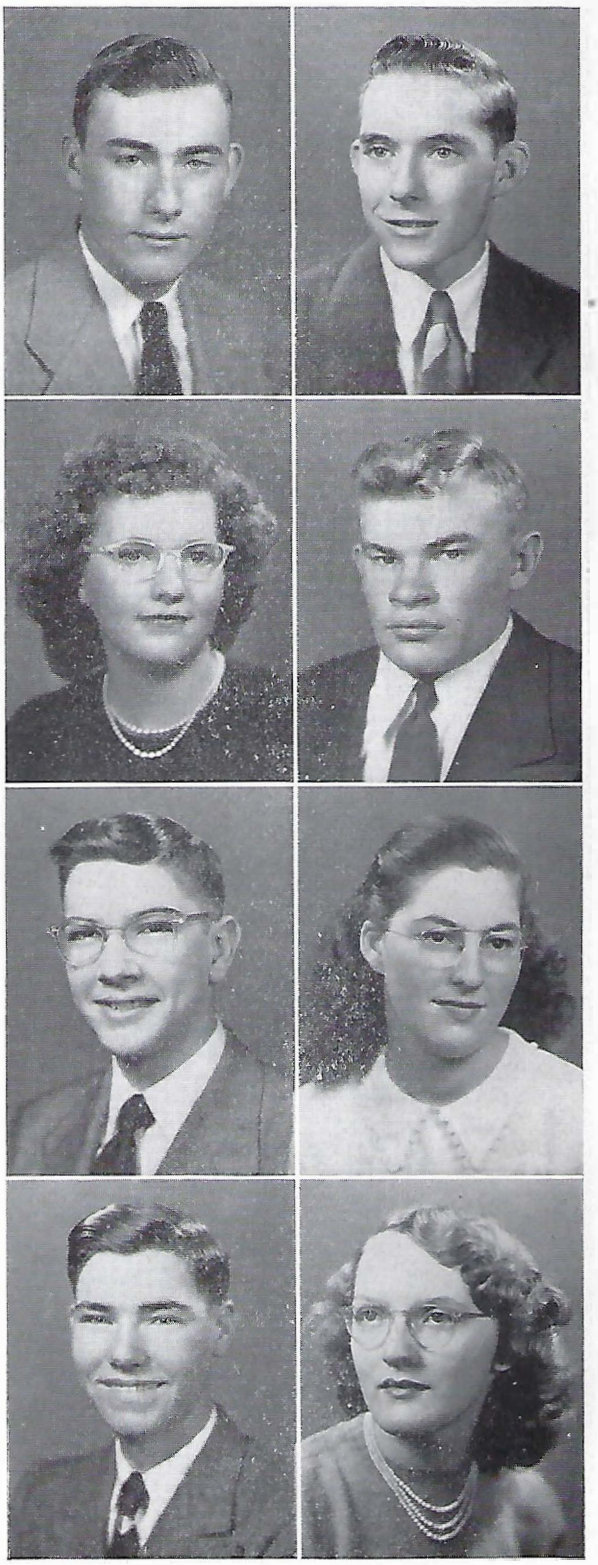
Annual Staff 4; Blue and Gold 4; Class Committees 3-4; F.H.A. 1-2-3-4; Glee Club 3-4; Hi-Tri 1-2-3-4; Librarian 4; Senior Class Play Student Director 4.

FRANCIS CLIFTON

Class Committees 2-3-4; F.F.A. 1-2-3-4; F.F.A. Committees 1-2-3-4; F.F.A. Judging Teams 2-3-4.

SHERLEEN GALL

Annual Staff 4; Blue and Gold 2-3-4; Camera Club 2; County Chorus 4; Dist. Music Contest 3-4; F.H.A. 1-2-3-4; Glee Club 1-2-3-4; Hi-Tri 1-2-3-4; Jr. Class Play 3; Librarian 2-3-4; Sr. Class Play 4; State Music Contest 3.



SENIORS

CAROLYN GRIMES

Annual Staff 4; C.A.P. 3-4; Class Committees 1-2-3-4; G.A.A. 4; F.H.A. 1-2-3-4; Glee Club 1-2-3-4; Hi-Tri 1-2-3-4; Jr. Class Play 3; Sr. Class Play 4; Librarian 3-4; Orchestra 1; Spanish Club 4; Tumbling Team 4.

ROGER JAMES

Decatur High 1-2-3; Annual Staff 4; Baseball 4; Basketball 4; Blue and Gold 4; Class Committees 4; Class Treas. 4; Football 4; Sr. Class Play 4; Spanish Club 4.

JAMES HOCKADAY

Annual Staff 4; Basketball 1-2-3-4; Blue and Gold 4; Boys Club 1-2-3-4; Class Committees 3-4; Football 1-3-4; Jr. Class Play 3; Pep Committee 1-2-3-4; Sr. Class Play 4.

FRANK JARVIS

State High, Terre Haute, Ind., 1-2; Annual Staff 4; Baseball 3-4; Basketball 3-4; Blue and Gold 3-4; Boys Club 3-4; C.A.P. 3; Class Committees 3-4; Football 3-4; F.F.A. 3-4; Sr. Class Play 4; Track 3-4.

MARY ELLEN HOCKADAY

Annual Staff Editor 4; Band 3-4; Band Festival 3-4; Blue and Gold 3-4; Class Committees 1-2-3-4; Class Officers 3; D.A.R. Award 4; F.H.A. 1-2-3-4; Glee Club 3-4; School Accompanist 2-3-4.

NITA McKINNEY

Clinton H. S. 1; Annual Staff 4; Band 3; Blue and Gold 3-4; Class Committees 2-3-4; C.A.P 3-4; C.A.P. Adjutant 4; F.H.A. 2-3-4; G.A.A. 4; Glee Club 2-3-4; Hi-Tri 2-3-4; Librarian 3-4; Pep Squad 4; Sr. Class Play 4; Tumbling Team 4; Twirler 3.

GLORIA HUGHES

Annual Staff 4; Band 3-4; Blue and Gold 2-3-4; Camera Club 1-2; C.A.P. 3-4; F.H.A. 1-2-3-4; Glee Club 1-2-3-4; Hi-Tri 1-2-3-4; Jr. Class Play 3; Sr. Class Play 4; Librarian 1-2-3-4; Soph. Play 2; Twirler 3-4.

MARJEAN MONTGOMERY

Annual Staff 4; Blue and Gold 3-4; Class Committees 1-2-3-4; F.H.A. 1-2-3-4; G.A.A. 4; Glee Club 1-2-3-4; Hi-Tri 1-2-3-4; Jr. Class Play 3; Pep Committee 2-3; Queen Candidate 1-2-4; Sr. Class Play 4; Student Council 1.

Maroa High School Library

SENIORS

GUY NEIBUHR

All Conference Football Fullback 4; Annual Staff 4; Baseball 1-2-3-4; Basketball 1-2-3-4; Blue and Gold 3-4; Boys' Club 1-2-3; Class Committees 1-2-3-4; Class Officer 2-3-4; F.F.A. 1-2-3-4; F.F.A. Judging Teams 3-4; F.F.A. Pres. 4; Football 1-2-3-4; Football Capt. 3; Jr. Class Play 3; Student Council 1-2-3; Track 1-2-3-4.

BARBARA ROGERS

Annual Staff 4; Band 2-3-4; Blue and Gold 3-4; Camera Club 2; F.H.A. 1-2-3-4; Glee Club 2-3; Hi-Tri 1-2-3-4; Orchestra 1.

RICHARD PARLIER

Annual Staff 4; Boys' Club 2-3; Class Committees 1-2-3-4; F.F.A. 1-2-3-4; Librarian 3-4; Sr. Class Play 4; Track 1.

MAX SCOTT

Annual Staff 4; Band 2-3; Basketball 2-3; Blue and Gold 1-2-3-4; Editor 4; Boys' Club 2-3; C.A.P. 3; Class Committees 1-2-3-4; Class Officer 1-3-4; Drama Club 2-3; Football 2-3-4; Jr. Class Play 3; Sr. Class Play 4; Student Council 2; Track 3-4.

ROSEMARY RANDALL

Annual Staff 4; Blue and Gold 3-4; Class Officer 1-2; Class Committees 1-2-3-4; F.H.A. 1-2-3-4; F.H.A. Officer 3; Glee Club 1-2-3-4; Hi-Tri 1-2-3-4; Homecoming Queen Candidate 1-2; Jr. Class Play 3; Sr. Class Play 4; Student Council 4; Student Council Pres. 4; Twirler 3.

BETTY SMITHERS

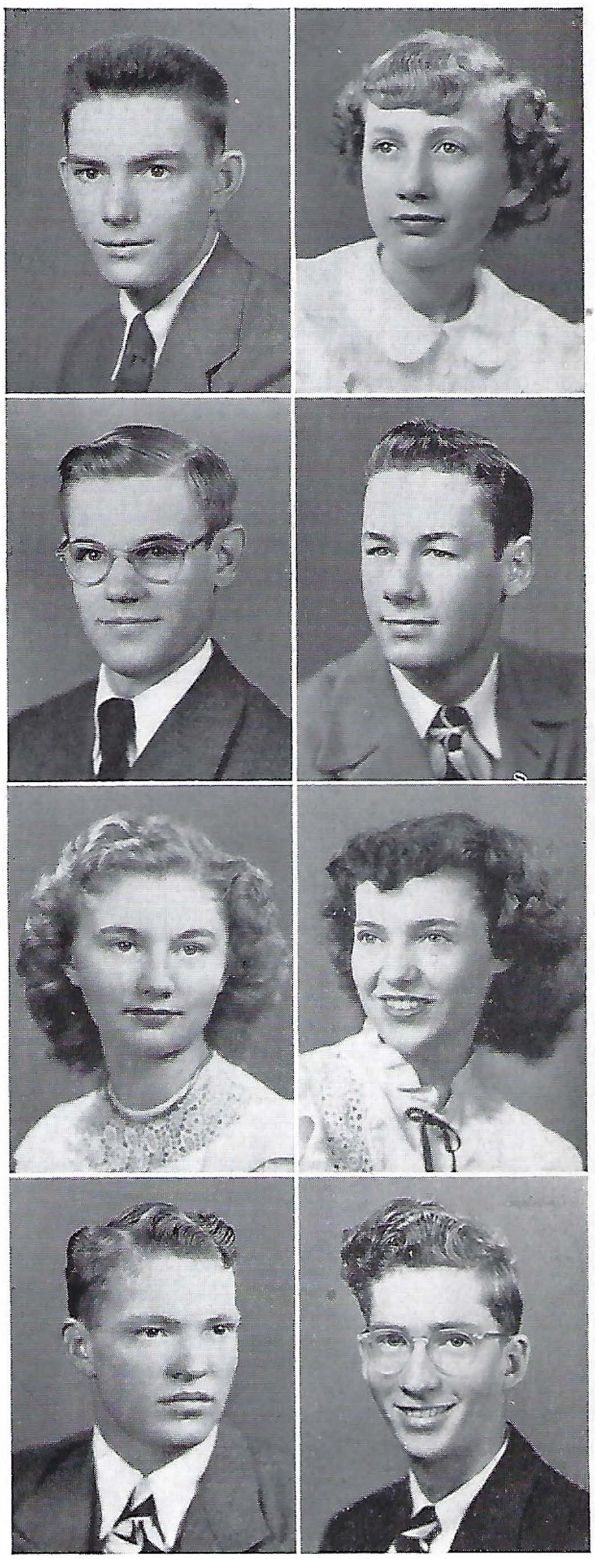
Annual Staff 4; Blue and Gold 2-3-4; Class Committees 1-2-3-4; Class Officer 2-4; F.H.A. 1-2-3-4; Glee Club 1-2-3-4; Hi-Tri 1-2-3-4; Homecoming Queen 4; Jr. Class Play 3; Sr. Class Play 4.

EUGENE RILEY

Annual Staff 4; Aeronautics Club 3; Baseball 2-4; Basketball 1-2-3-4; Boys' Club 2-3-4; Class Committees 1-2-3-4; Football 1-3-4; F.F.A. 1-2-3-4; F.F.A. Judging Team 2-3-4; F.F.A. Officer 4; Sr. Class Play 4; Track 1-2-3-4.

LLOYD STREIGHT

Maroa High School 1; Hillsboro High School 2-3; Maroa High School 4; Withdrew late in 1949 to re-enter Hillsboro High School.



SENIORS

BETTY WILSON

Warrensburg H. S. 1-2; Annual Staff 4; Blue and Gold 3-4; Cheerleader 3; Class Committees 3-4; Class Officer 3; F.H.A. 3-4; Hi-Tri 3-4; Jr. Class Play 3; Pep Committee 3; Sr. Class Play 4; Student Council 3; Vocal Contest 3.

CLASS PHOPHECY OF 1949

It's the year 1959, ten years after the graduation of the class of '49. The members have settled down in a little mining town called Wagon Gap in California and have become the leading citizens of the town.

BOB AUSTIN: Bachelor principal of the local high school.

LOIS BRISTOW: Runs a hat shop and designs her own hats.

KENNETH BURRIS: Owns the Famous Bargain Store, the largest clothing store in town.

FRANCIS CLIFTON: Owns a sheep ranch and is trying to find himself a wife.

JACK CREASON: Owns the local newspaper office and is editor of the paper, "The Wagon Gap Gossip".

TOM DOAK: Farmer's best friend—the best veterinarian in Wagon Gap.

NELLIE FORNWALT: Pursuer of Bob Austin, high school principal.

SHERLEEN GALL: Singer with the Hockaday Symphony Orchestra.

CAROLYN GRIMES: Superintendent of Nurses at Wagon Gap Hospital.

JAMES HOCKADAY: Mayor of the town; serves as sheriff in case of emergencies.

MARY ELLEN HOCKADAY: Plays the piano in the Hockaday Symphony Orchestra.

GLORIA HUGHES: Owns a restaurant and serves home-cooked meals.

ROGER JAMES: Manager of the Deerington Zinnia Gardens.

FRANK JARVIS: Now owns the largest chicken farm in California.

NITA McKINNEY: Secretary to the principal of the high school.

MARJEAN MONTGOMERY: Now Mrs. Guy Neibuhr, wife of a well-known professional football star.

GUY NEIBUHR: Professional football star with the Los Angeles Rams.

RICHARD PARLIER: Gives music lessons to high school students.

ROSEMARY RANDALL: Now Mrs. Robert Malone—they now own the largest super-market in Wagon Gap.

EUGENE RILEY: Basketball coach at the local high school.

BARBARA ROGERS: Mathematics teacher at the local high school.

MAX SCOTT: Eligible Bachelor and sole owner of a Kaiser-Frazer agency.

BETTY SMITHERS: Has married and lives on the Bar-M Ranch.

LLOYD STREIGHT: Owner of the corner hardware store and bakery.

BETTY WILSON: Now Mrs. Len Shaw; lives on a farm that is famous for its Black Angus cattle.

D.A.R. CITIZENSHIP AWARD

MARY ELLEN HOCKADAY

Each year an award for good citizenship is given to a senior girl. The senior class selects a list of candidates which they think exemplifies the requirements set down by the Daughters of the American Revolution. These candidates are then presented to the entire faculty who selects one of the group by secret ballot. Mary Ellen Hockaday won the award this year.

The qualities as set down by the D.A.R. are: dependability, such as, truthfulness, honesty, punctuality, and cooperation; leadership, such as personality, initiative, self control; service; and patriotism, such as, loyalty to American ideals.

Mary Ellen Hockaday was also prominent as yearbook editor, member of the high school band, won honors in the band festival, member of the Blue and Gold staff, class officer, member of the Future Homemakers association, glee club, and was usually the school accompanist.

CLASS POEM

With the utmost ambition,
We arrived in '45,
To conclude our suspicion
Of this school's great pride.

They call us "Green Freshmen,"
But there was no fuss,
For our motto was then
"Forty-nine or bust."

Lots of books and learning
At places 'twas rough,
But ambition was burning,
And we were tough.

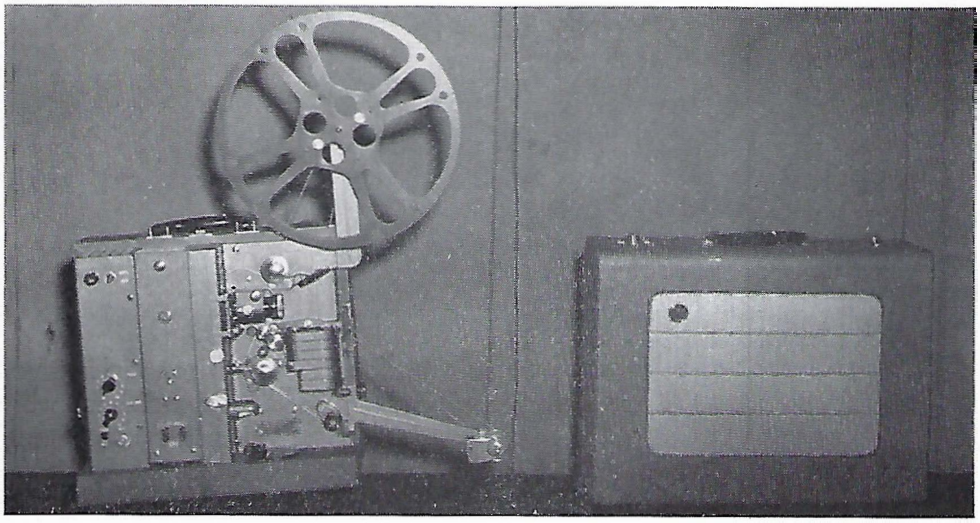
The next years were better
With plenty to do,
The sweet with the bitter
Leisure moments were few.

We put on a play or maybe 'twas two
Dances, parties, homecoming game
And of course the "Prom" too
Where we supported our shiney class rings.

Our teachers and classmates have helped on the van
In reaching our goal so fine,
They have always shared the caravan
Of this great class of '49.

In looking back upon the past
We see each one who pulled us through,
We thank them all up to the last
When we must bid all fond adieu.

GIFT OF THE CLASS OF '49



Each year the senior class presents the school with a gift. Many valuable and worthwhile things have been presented in the past. This year the class of 1949 became aware of the old condition of our motion picture equipment. This was especially noticeable during the regular monthly school movie sponsored by the student council. A gift committee composed of Guy Neibuhr, Marjean Montgomery and Barbara Rogers, presented several suggestions for the consideration of the class. In view of the amount of money available, the class decided to purchase a new R.C.A. "400" sound motion picture machine which was put in use during the latter part of the year. Money for the purchase of this much-needed equipment was raised by receipts from class stands at football and basketball games, magazine campaigns, dues, and two class plays. During an assembly program, the new gift was formally presented to the student body by Guy Neibuhr, and accepted very graciously by Superintendent W. D. Keyes.

CLASS OF 1949 HOMECOMING FLOAT—FIRST PRIZE WINNER

Homecoming in the fall, arranged by the Pep Committee, consisting of a parade in the afternoon and a football game in the evening under the school's excellent lights, and the Homecoming Dance in the gym after the game, is one of the highlights of the year's activities. The present class of 1949 formerly won a third prize and two second prizes. This year the first prize for the best float in the parade was won by the Seniors.

The above picture shows a duplicate of the early "Forty Niners" in a covered wagon heading for gold in the West. Even Clementine (Jack Creason), the father (Max Scott) and the mother and child (Nellie Fornwalt and Gary Scott), with their antics, added much to the winning theme.

SENIOR CLASS WILL

WE, THE CLASS OF '49, BEING OF SOUND MIND AND BODY, HEREBY BEQUEATH OUR PROPERTIES AS FOLLOWS:

I, **Bob Austin**, bequeath my dry humorous nature to **Elmo Burks**, so that he may amuse his classmates.

I, **Lois Bristow**, bequeath my quietness to **Jean Pope**, who could easily use it.

I, **Kenneth Burris**, bequeath my deep voice to **Phil Arnold**, so that he may have my job in chorus next year.

I, **Francis Clifton**, bequeath my ability to talk so much in class to **Jack Schwartz**.

I, **Jack Creason**, bequeath my long legs to **Richard Hockaday**, to enable him to be center on the basketball team.

I, **Tom Doak**, bequeath my goodnaturedness and my big friendly personality to **Bill Sinkosky**, that he may win the favor of all coaches in the Conference.

I, **Nellie Fornwalt**, bequeath my long hair to **Mary Gardner**, so as to satisfy her wishes.

I, **Sherleen Gall**, bequeath my singing ability to **Barbara Bliss**, so she too may win first place in the district contest.

I, **Carolyn Grimes**, bequeath my ability to fight with my sister to **Sarah McCay**.

I, **Jim Hockaday**, bequeath my pestiferous nature to **Leland Ruch**.

I, **Mary Ellen Hockaday**, bequeath my "giggle" to **Esther Dubson**, as she needs it.

I, **Gloria Hughes**, bequeath my shorthand ability to anyone who can take it and make the grades I did.

I, **Roger James**, bequeath my "shyness" to **Bill Baily**, who could use it.

I, **Frank Jarvis**, bequeath my ability to get along with the teachers to the **Sophomore Class**.

I, **Nita McKinney**, bequeath my tumbling ability to **Barbara Grimes**, although she doesn't need it.

I, **Marjean Montgomery**, bequeath my athletic ability to **Joyce Graupman**.

I, **Guy Neibuhr**, bequeath my football ability to **Don Arnold**, so he can carry on where I left off.

I, **Richard Parlier**, bequeath my girl friends to **Jerry Elliot**, although he doesn't need them.

I, **Rosemary Randall**, bequeath my habit of talking fast and not saying anything to **Kathleen**, just to keep it in the family.

I, **Eugene Riley**, bequeath my basketball ability to **Leon Fornwalt**, who already has a good start.

I, **Barbara Ann Rogers**, bequeath my beautiful blonde hair to **Margaret Liming**.

I, **Max Scott**, bequeath my acting ability to **Jack Coffman**.

I, **Betty Smithers**, bequeath my homecoming crown to next year's Queen.

I, **Lloyd Streight**, bequeath my wavy hair to **Jack Walters**, after his "bur" haircut has grown out.

I, **Betty Wilson**, bequeath my straight A's to anyone capable of holding them.

WE, THE CLASS OF '49, BEQUEATH TO THE FRESHMEN OUR ABILITY TO EARN MONEY, TO THE SOPHOMORES OUR ABILITY TO GET ALONG WITH PEOPLE, TO THE JUNIORS OUR P.-T.A. STANDING, AND TO THE TEACHERS OUR GOOD HUMOR.

SIGNED

THE CLASS OF 1949

JUNIORS

First Row: Liming, Adams, C. Widick, Miss Hughes, Warner, Stoutenborough, Heim.
Second Row: Brown, Pope, Jennings, J. Randall, B. Grimes, St. John, S. McCay.
Third Row: Bolen, Butler, Tharp, Leach, Ishmael, Elliott, D. Gardner.
Fourth Row: Argo, Grubbs, Cunningham, Schwartz, D. Weikle, Query, Burks.

JUNIOR CLASS HISTORY

We were thirty-seven strong when we started to Maroa High as green freshmen. Our class officers were: President, Jerry Elliot; Vice-President, Charles Crabtree; Secretary, Marjorie Leach; and Treasurer, Patty Stoutenborough.

In the fall of 1947 six of our freshmen did not return but we gained six new members to keep a total membership of thirty-seven. By the end of the year we had only thirty-three members. Our sophomore class officers were: President, Rebecca Jennings; Vice-President, Nancy Bolen; Secretary, Marjorie Leach; and Treasurer, Patty Stoutenborough. Our freshman and sophomore homecoming queen candidates were Rebecca Jennings and Sarah McCay. Mr. Brandt was our freshman and sophomore advisor.

When we came back as Juniors we had only twenty-seven members. Our class officers were: President, Dick Tharp; Vice-President, Nancy Bolen; Secretary, Marjorie Leach; and Treasurer, Patty Stoutenborough. Rebecca Jennings and Joan Warner were queen candidates. Miss Hughes was our advisor and we have been working very hard on our Junior-Senior Banquet and Prom arrangements.

SOPHOMORES

First Row (l. to r.):Sullivan, Stormer, Dunham, Mr. Shull, N. Bliss, Frederick, Foulke.
Second Row (l. to r.): Clifton, Vaughn, Weikle, Ridgeway, B. Bliss, Riley, Bristow, Cox.
Third Row (l. to r.): Jay, Dubson, Gentle, Doak, Mashburn, Arnold, Cole.
Fourth Row (l. to r.): Lazelle, Greene, Bolen, Bailey, Sinkosky, Gardner, Pennypacker.
Fifth Row (l. to r.): Walters, Seely, Creekmur, Reed, Sullivan, Hughes, Lanter, Fornwalt.

SOPHOMORE CLASS HISTORY

The Sophomore class started out with thirty-six members. During the year, we lost Lloyd Creekmur. The class was under the leadership of Mr. Shull.

We elected the following officers: Mary Jay, President; Dorwin Sullivan, Vice-President; Reva Bristow, Secretary; Juanita Ridgeway, Treasurer.

Representatives for the Student Council were Marilyn Green and Melbourne Lazelle. Representatives for the pep committee were Jane Doak and Bill Sinkosky.

We elected for queen candidates: Mary Helen Fredrick and Reva Bristow.

FRESHMEN

First Row (l. to r.): Arnold, Pennypacker, Smelser, Arnold, Hensley, Miss Grimmer.
Second Row (l. to r.): Hockaday, Hanks, Morgan, Tozer, Moberly, Widick, Terrell.
Third Row (l. to r.): McCay, Matthews, McCormick, Graupman, Campbell, Randall.
Fourth Row (l. to r.): Smith, Busick, Braden, Ruch, Coffman, Wilson, Menter.

FRESHMAN CLASS HISTORY

At the first of the year we had twenty-five members. During the course of the year we gained three and lost four, making a total membership of twenty-four at the end of the year.

Our class sponsor was Miss Grimmer. We elected the following officers: Kathleen Randall, President; Fred Tozer, Vice-President; Laura Belle Moberly, Secretary; Phylis McCay, Treasurer.

Our Pep Committee members were Dorothy Hensley and Glen Terrell. Janet Widick and LeRoy Wilson were the student council members.

Our candidates for Queen were Kathleen Randall and Phylis McCay.

ATHLETICS

FOOTBALL

First Row (l. to r.): Sinkosky, Tharp, Austin, McFarland, Reed, Doak, James, Scott, Riley, Argo, Neibuhr, Walters, (R. Hockaday, Mgr.)

Second Row (l. to r.): L. Fornwalt, P. Arnold, Smith, Weikle, Grubbs, Jarvis, Lazelle, Pennypacker, J. Hockaday, D. Sullivan, Burris, Coffman, Creason, Coach Boyd.

FOOTBALL SCORES

Maroa—12	- - - - - -	Cerro Gordo— 0
Maroa— 0	- - - - - - -	Farmer City—12
Maroa— 0	- - - - - - -	St. Teresa—26
Maroa—14	(Homecoming) - -	Illiopolis— 7
Maroa— 6	- - - - - - -	Assumption—36
Maroa—27	- - - - - - -	Moweaqua— 0
Maroa— 0	- - - - - - -	Lovington—20
Maroa—13	- - - - - - - -	Bethany—12

Soya Football Conference

Maroa — Third Place

All-Conference Selections

Fullback — Guy Neibuhr

Tackle — Tom Doak

COACH WALTER BOYD

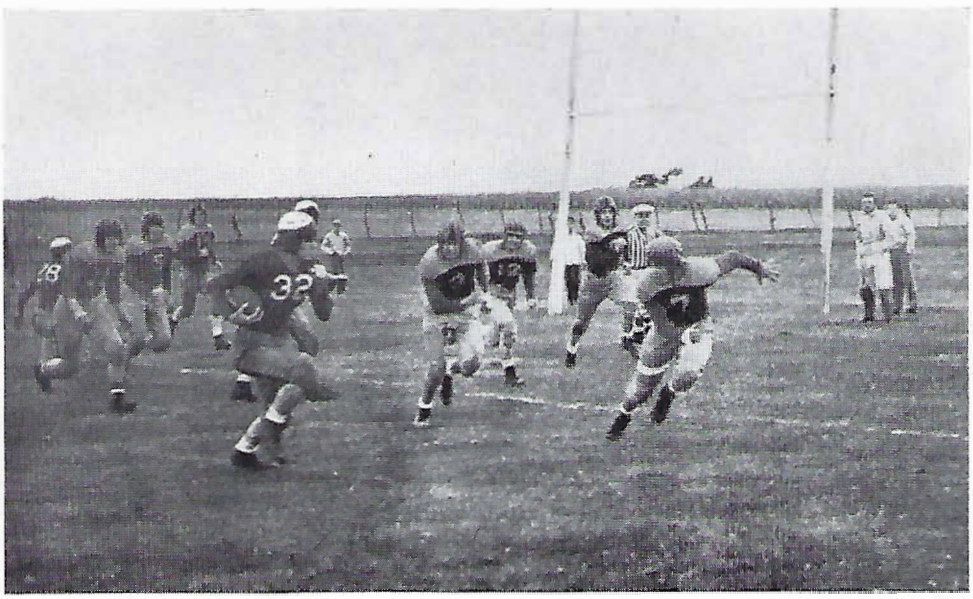
Our new coach, Mr. Walter Boyd, a graduate of Millikin University, a mild mannered man, and every inch a gentleman, has worked hard this year to bring about a successful season for Maroa in football, basketball and baseball.

CHEER LEADERS

Mary Jay Jane Doak Betty Weikle

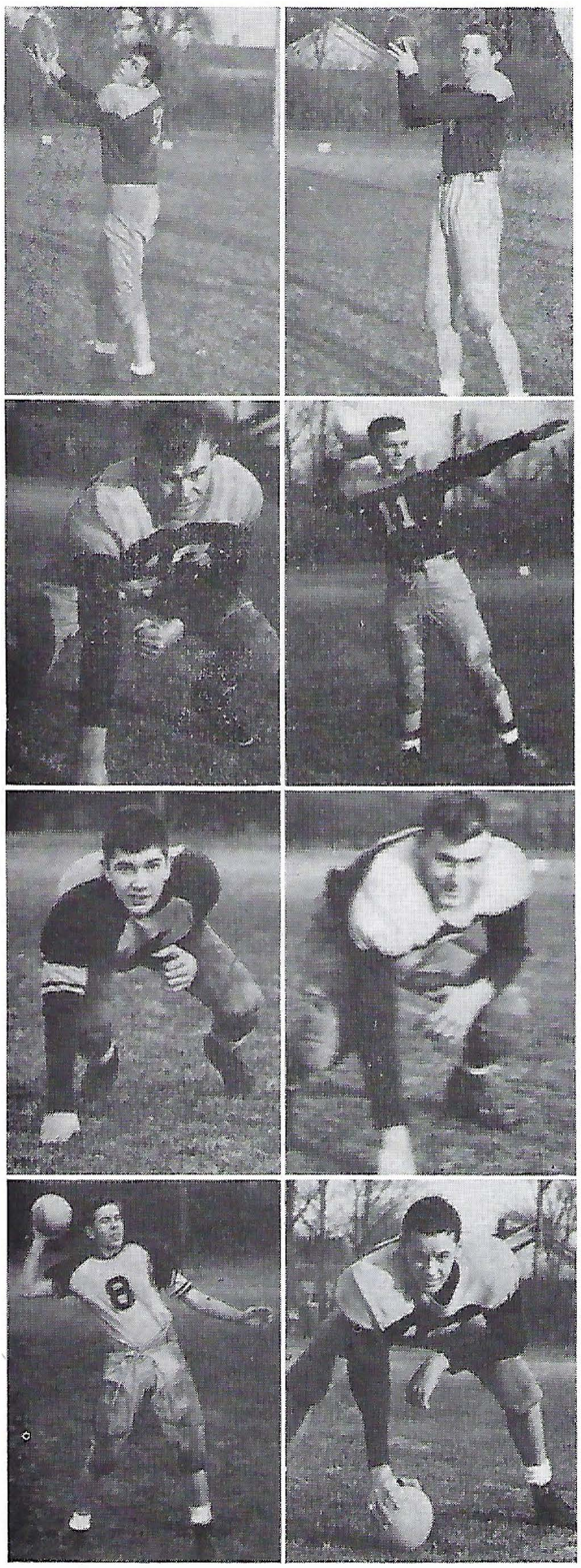
Each fall after the opening of school, three cheerleaders are chosen by the student body to lead the cheers during the football and basketball seasons. Anyone in school may try out at a designated time. After all tryouts are completed, the student body then votes for three of its favorites. These cheerleaders not only have the responsibility of leading cheers but also lead all pep sessions, help on the pep committee and take charge of pep squad meetings. Naturally, it is up to them to display good sportsmanship at all times, and it is also their job to insist on good sportsmanship from the spectators throughout all games.

ASSUMPTION GAME



This is a picture of the football game at Assumption, played on the afternoon of October 7, 1948. This is well remembered because of the sleet and rain. Our left halfback, Guy Neibuhr, once made the remark that he wished this game could be played over, because if Maroa would have won this game, we might have been second or even first in the conference. Our team easily matched them, but because of bad weather, change in line-up, some previous injuries and over confidence, we lost with a final score of 33-6.

FOOTBALL



ROGER JAMES
END

JACK CREASON
END

TOM DOAK
TACKLE

GUY NEIBUHR
HALF-BACK

KEN BURRIS
TACKLE

BOB AUSTIN
GUARD

JIM HOCKADAY
HALF-BACK

MAX SCOTT
CENTER

FOOTBALL

DICK ARGO
TACKLE

FRANK JARVIS
HALF-BACK

EUGENE RILEY
END
HALF-BACK

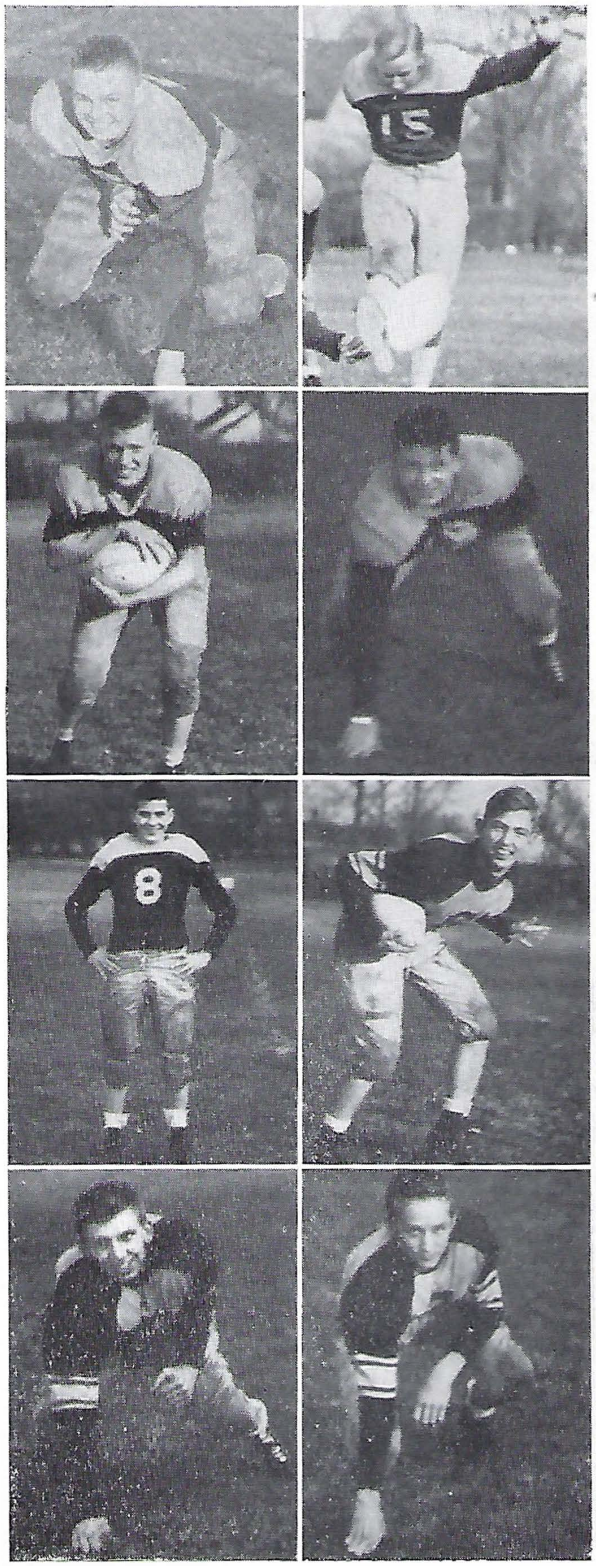
MELBOURN LAZELL
GUARD

JACK WALTERS
QUARTER-BACK

PHIL ARNOLD
HALF-BACK

BILL GRUBBS
GUARD

RICHARD SMITH
END



BASKETBALL

First Row (l. to r.): Sinkosky, Jarvis, Neibuhr, Creason, Riley, James, Schwartz, Tharp, Weikle.
Second Row (l. to r.): R. Hockaday, Mgr.; Query, Lazell, Pennypacker, Hughes, Coach Boyd, Fornwalt, Creekmur, Mashburn, Wilson, Bailey Mgr.

BASKETBALL SCORES

* Conference Games

*Maroa—19	- - - -	Mt. Zion—34
Maroa—42	- - - -	Wapella—28
*Maroa—28	- - -	Warrensburg—58
*Maroa—49	- - - -	Bethany—33
*Maroa—53	- - - -	Argenta—39
Maroa—55	- - - -	Alumni—51
Maroa—61	- - - -	Kenney—38
Maroa—66	- -	DeLand-Weldon—30
Maroa—56	- - - -	Beason—63

HOLIDAY TOURNAMENT

Maroa—55	- - - -	Latham—37
Maroa—48	- - -	Brownstown—63

CENOIS BASKETBALL CONFERENCE

First Place - - - -	Warrensburg
Second Place - - - -	Maroa

Maroa—41	- - -	St. Teresa—42
Maroa—57	- - - -	Wapella—33
Maroa—50	- - - -	Niantic—44
Maroa—47	- - -	Warrensburg—45
Maroa—34	- - - -	Argenta—41
Maroa—36	- - -	Farmer City—45
Maroa—29	- - - -	Mt. Zion—28
*Maroa—49	- - - -	Niantic—45
Maroa—55	- - -	Lovington—44

MACON COUNTY TOURNAMENT

Maroa—31	- - -	Warrensburg—56
Maroa—29	- - - -	Mt. Zion—39

DISTRICT TOURNAMENT

Maroa—53	- -	DeLand-Weldon—30
Maroa—39	- - - -	Kenney—30

Championship Game

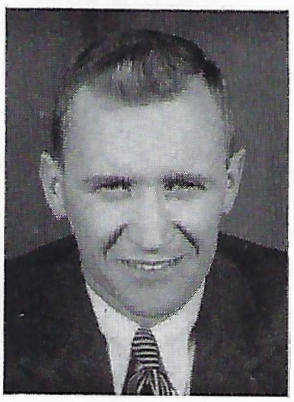
Maroa—42	- - - -	Beason—40

REGIONAL TOURNAMENT

Maroa—47	- - - -	Trinity—57

FREE-THROW TROPHY

First Team - - - -	Guy Neibuhr
Second Team - -	Jerry Pennypacker



COACH WALTER BOYD

Coach Boyd, former captain of the Millikin University basketball team, brought the Trojans through a successful season by defeating Warrensburg once, Argenta once, Mt. Zion once, and winning the district basketball tournament championship at Waynesville.

BASKETBALL

EUGENE RILEY

GUY NEIBUHR

FRANK JARVIS

JACK CREASON

JACK WALTERS

GARY HUGHES

ROGER JAMES

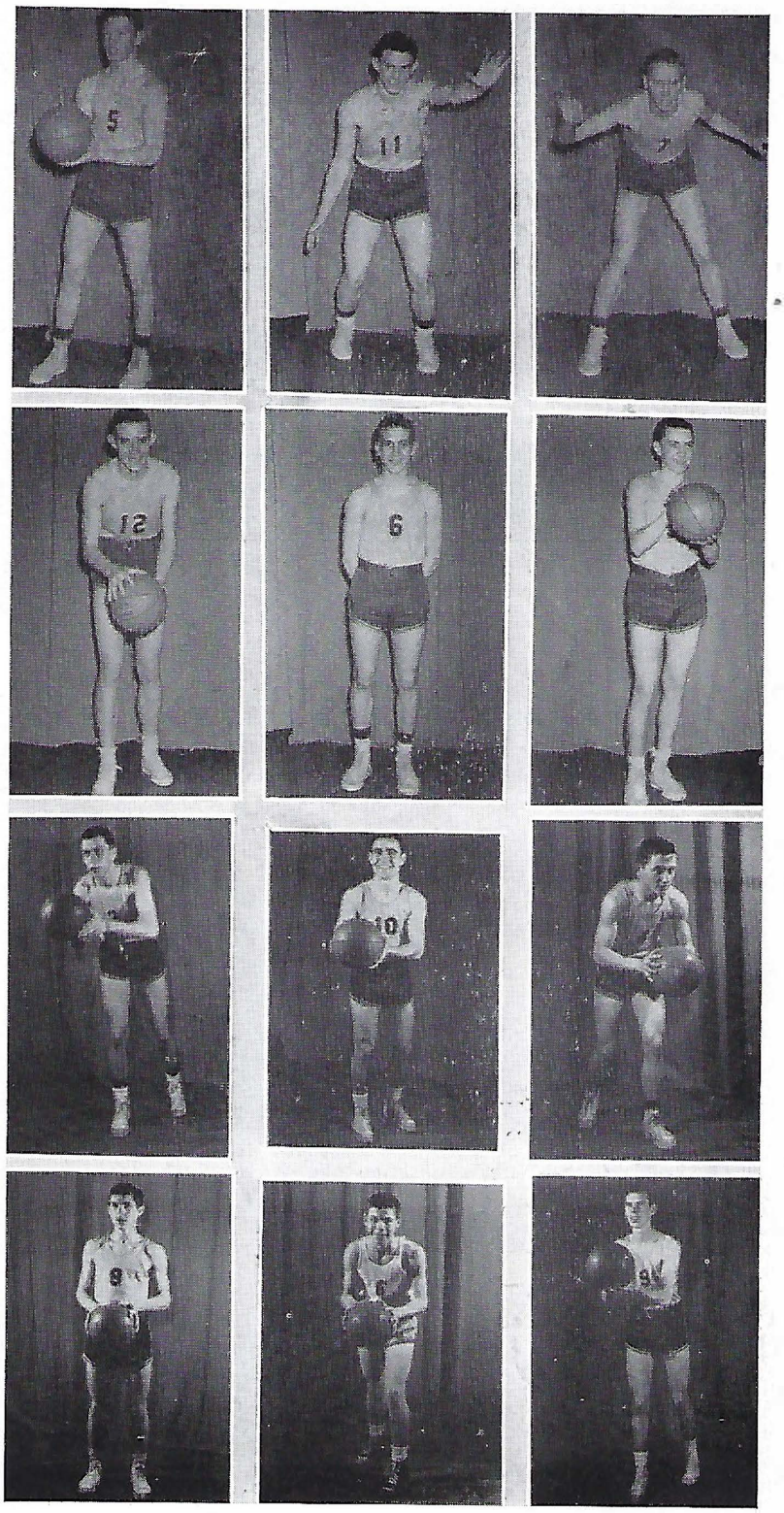
DICK THARP

BILL SINKOSKY

DARRELL WEIKLE

LEON FORNWALT

JACK SCHWARTZ



BASKETBALL--BASEBALL

Kneeling (l. to r.): Tharp, Hughes, Weikle, Riley, James, Neibuhr, Sinkosky, Creason.
Standing (l. to r.): Fornwalt, Jarvis.

The Illinois High School Athletic Association awarded Maroa the fine bronze plaque for the winning of first place in the 1949 Waynesville District Basketball Tournament. It was proudly received, because the team worked hard to earn it. This marks another point of achievement in the high school's history. The plaque was officially presented to Supt. W. D. Keyes by Captain Eugene Riley at an all-school assembly held Monday afternoon following the championship game. The plaque has been placed in the school's trophy case in the lower main hall of the high school.

BASEBALL SQUAD

— 1949 —

BASEBALL SCHEDULE

April 7—Lovington—There
April 14—Niantic—Here
April 22—Mt. Zion—Here
May 3—Niantic—There
May 9—Mt. Zion—There
May 12—Warrensburg—Here
May 16-20—District Baseball Tournament

First Row (l. to r.): J. Hockaday, Walters, Pennypacker, Neibuhr, Weikle, James, Hughes
Second Row (l. to r.): Elliott, Reed, McGee, Riley, Tharp.
Third Row (l. to r.): Lazell, Morgan, Smith, Burris, Grubbs, Bailey.

ACTIVITIES

STUDENT COUNCIL

The Student Council, the elected governing body of the school, has been active in many fields this year. The officers elected for the year were: President, Rosemary Randall; Vice-president, Melbourne Lazell; Secretary, Rebecca Jennings; Treasurer, Marilyn Greene. Mr. Kitowski was the sponsor.

Some of the various activities are the clean-up campaign, joint sponsorship of the Hallowe'en party, selection of movies, sponsorship of the Christmas party, and also the school picnic.

Left to Right: Randall, Lazell, Jennings, Wilson, Mr. Kitowski, Creason, Widick, Gardner, Greene.

First Row (Sitting): Doak.
Second Row (l. to r.): J. Hockaday, Jay, Miss Fort, Weikle, Schwartz.
Third Row (l. to r.): M. E. Hockaday, Terrell, Sinkosky, Warner, Hensley.

PEP COMMITTEE

The Pep Committee was organized just after school started in the fall. It is made up of two representatives from each class and the cheerleaders. James Hockaday was elected to act as chairman for the year 1948-1949.

The purposes are threefold—to create school spirit, to promote sportsmanship, to sponsor a few school activities.

The duties are many. Homecoming is planned and directed by the Pep Committee. Before each basketball or football game there is always a short pep session, ranging from the very serious to the humorous.

GIRLS' ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

The G.A.A., under the sponsorship of Miss Fort, elected the following officers: President, Marjorie Leach; Vice-president, Marjean Montgomery; Secretary, Janice Randall; and Treasurer, Jean Pope.

The club used the high school gymnasium for recreation and working for points to earn a letter.

Fourth Row (l. to r.): Dunham, Vaughn, Doak, Grimes, Gardner, Bolen, B. Grimes, Dubson.
Third Row: (l. to r.): Riley, S. McCay, P. McCay, Jennings, Jay, Ridgeway, Weikle.
Second Row (l. to r.): Frederick, Cox, Moberly, Warner, Stormer, Heim, N. Bliss, Sullivan.
First Row (l. to r.): Smelser, Pope, Montgomery, Miss Fort, Leach, J. Randall, McKinney.

First Row (l. to r.): J. Widick, Frederick, Gall, Hockaday, Miss Sitter, R. Randall, Rogers, Arnold, Hensley.
Second Row (l. to r.): Sullivan, McKinney, Moberly, Warner, Stoutenborough, Hanks, Heim, N. Bliss, Cox, Smelser.
Third Row (l. to r.): Adams, Riley, Dunham, Ridgeway, Brown, Weikle, Stormer, R. Bristow, L. Bristow, Liming.
Fourth Row (l. to r.): Jay, St. John, McCay, J. Randall, Hughes, C. Widick, Pope, Jennings, K. Randall, B. Bliss, S. McCay.
Fifth Row (l. to r.): Mathews, C. Grimes, Dubson, Cole, McCormick, Graupman, Vaughn, B. Grimes, Smithers, Campbell.
Sixth Row (l. to r.): Doak, Montgomery, Ishmael, Wilson, Gardner, Lanter, Leach, Fornwalt, Greene, Bolen, Menter.

HI-TRI

The activities of Hi-Tri, under the direction of Miss Sitter, centered around the aims of the club—loyalty, courtesy, friendship, character, and success.

Mary Ellen Hockaday, president; Rosemary Randall, vice-president; Sherleen Gall, secretary; and Barbara Rogers, treasurer, were elected to lead the club.

The events of the year included a box social and a banquet. At the banquet the new officers for the ensuing year were elected.

FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

One of the most active organizations of the school is the F.F.A., with Mr. Nicol directing their activities. Officers of the year were: President, Guy Neibuhr; Vice-president, Eugene Riley; Secretary, Dick Argo; Treasurer, Melbourne Lazell; Reporter, David Gardner; and Sentinel, Tom Doak.

A wiener roast and hayride was held last fall in conjunction with the F.H.A. girls. Highlighting their spring activities was a parent-son banquet.

Fourth Row (l.to r.): Seely, Cunningham, Ruch, Creason, Sullivan, F. Clifton, Grubbs.
Third Row l. to r.): Burks, Jarvis, Braden, Query, Austin, Butler.
Second Row (l. to r.): D. Clifton, Parlier, Smith, Mr. Nicol, Wilson, Morgan, Foulke.
First Row (l. to r.): Gardner, Lazell, Neibuhr, Riley, Argo, Doak.

First Row l. to r.): Hensley, Arnold, Smithers, Ridgeway, St. John, Bolen, Pope, Doak, Frederick, Rogers.
Second Row (l. to r.): M. E. Hockaday, Heim, Stoutenborough, Moberly, N. Bliss, Hanks, Smelser, McKinney, Sullivan, Widick.
Third Row (l. to r.): Cox, Stormer, R. Bristow, Liming, Riley, Miss Hughes, L. Bristow, Adams, Brown, Weikle, Dunham.
Fourth Row (l. to r.): S. McCay, B. Bliss, Jennings, K. Randall, J. Randall, G. Hughes, C. Widick, Vaughn, P. McCay, Jay.
Fifth Row l. to r.): Campbell, B. Grimes, Cole, McCormick. Graupman, Dubson, Leach, C. Grimes, Matthews.
Sixth Row (l. to r.) R. Randall, Menter, Ishmael, Fornwalt, Gardner, Lanter, Gall, Wilson, Greene, Montgomery.

FUTURE HOMEMAKERS OF AMERICA

Under the leadership of Maryilynn St. John, president, the Future Homemakers of America completed a successful year. Other officers of the club this year were: Nancy Bolen, vice-president; Juanita Ridgeway, secretary; Jean Pope, treasurer; Betty Smithers, historian; and Jane Doak, parliamentarian. Miss Hughes was the club sponsor.

Programs for this year included a hayride, variety show, movie, and a tea for the girls' mothers.

BAND

The band, under the direction of Miss Ravnaas, had a membership of twenty. The following officers were elected for the year: President, Mary Ellen Hockaday; Secretary, Patty Stoutenborough; Treasurer, Merle Query; Stage Manager, Delbert Clifton; and Librarian, Maryilynn St. John.

Regular rehearsals were held each morning during zero hour. The highlight of the year's work was the joint band concert, grade and high school pupils, on Sunday afternoon, March 27, in the gymnasium.

Sitting (l. to r.): Seely, Hockaday, Stoutenborough, Morgan, Miss Ravnaas, Arnold, Gentle, Brown, Heim, Arnold.
Standing (l. to r.): D. Clifton, Hughes, St. John, Rogers, Bolen, Query, F. Clifton, Arnold, Elliott, Leach, Lanter.

First Row (l. to r.): Arnold, McKinney, N. Bliss, Warner, Hensley.
Second Row (l. to r.): Liming, C. Grimes, Randall, Leach, Matthews, B. Grimes, Riley, McCay.
Standing: Miss Fort.

GIRLS' TUMBLING TEAM

The Girls' Tumbling Team was reorganized this fall with a membership of sixteen girls. Any girl who wishes may join the team, and after she has proved her ability she is entitled to tumble with the exhibition team. No girl may tumble without the consent of her parents. One evening, during the fall and winter after school, is devoted to practice periods.

To develop good posture, practice safety rules and cooperation, live good health habits, promote a means of recreation—these are the aims of the M.C.H.S. Girls' Tumbling Team.

LIBRARIANS

The library this year was in charge of Mr. John Kitowski, with Miss Sitter as an assistant. During each period of the day diffrent student librarians, who volunteered their services, had actual charge of directing the work in the library. Their duties consisted of checking books in and out, cataloging, arranging the magazines, straightening the shelves, and helping to give the library a wholesome atmosphere as the center of the school. Many new books were added to the shelves this year. We also had the advantages of over one hundred books from the State Traveling Library at Springfield, Illinois.

Second Row (l. to r.): Mr. Kitowski, Miss Sitter, B. Bliss, Ridgeway, McKinney, Gall, Heim, Stormer, Parlier.
First Row (l. to r.): C. Grimes, Weikle, Hughes, Fornwalt.

First Row (l. to r.): Miss Sitter, M. Hockaday, Leach, Scott, G. Hughes, Elliott, Mrs. Coen.
Second Row (l. to r.): Rogers, McKinney, Warner, R. Bristow, Stormer, L. Bristow, Hanks, N. Bliss.
Third Row (l. to r.): S. McCay, B. Bliss, Smithers, Dunham, K. Randall, St. John, B. Weikle.
Fourth Row (l. to r.): Pope, Vaughn, R. Randall, J. Hockaday, Lazell, B. Grimes, J. Randall, Jennings.
Fifth Row (l. to r.): Tharp, Pennypacker, Query, Lanter, Argo, Austin, Neibuhr.
Sixth Row (l. to r.): N. Fornwalt, Gall, Jarvis, James, Creason, G. Hughes, B. Wilson, Montgomery.

BLUE AND GOLD STAFF

The monthly publication of the Blue and Gold was edited under the direction of Max Scott, with Marjorie Leach and Gloria Hughes as his assistants.

The circulation this year was approximately 135. The members of the staff were cooperative, which aided greatly in getting the paper out on time. Mrs. Coen served as sponsor, with Miss Sitter as assistant.

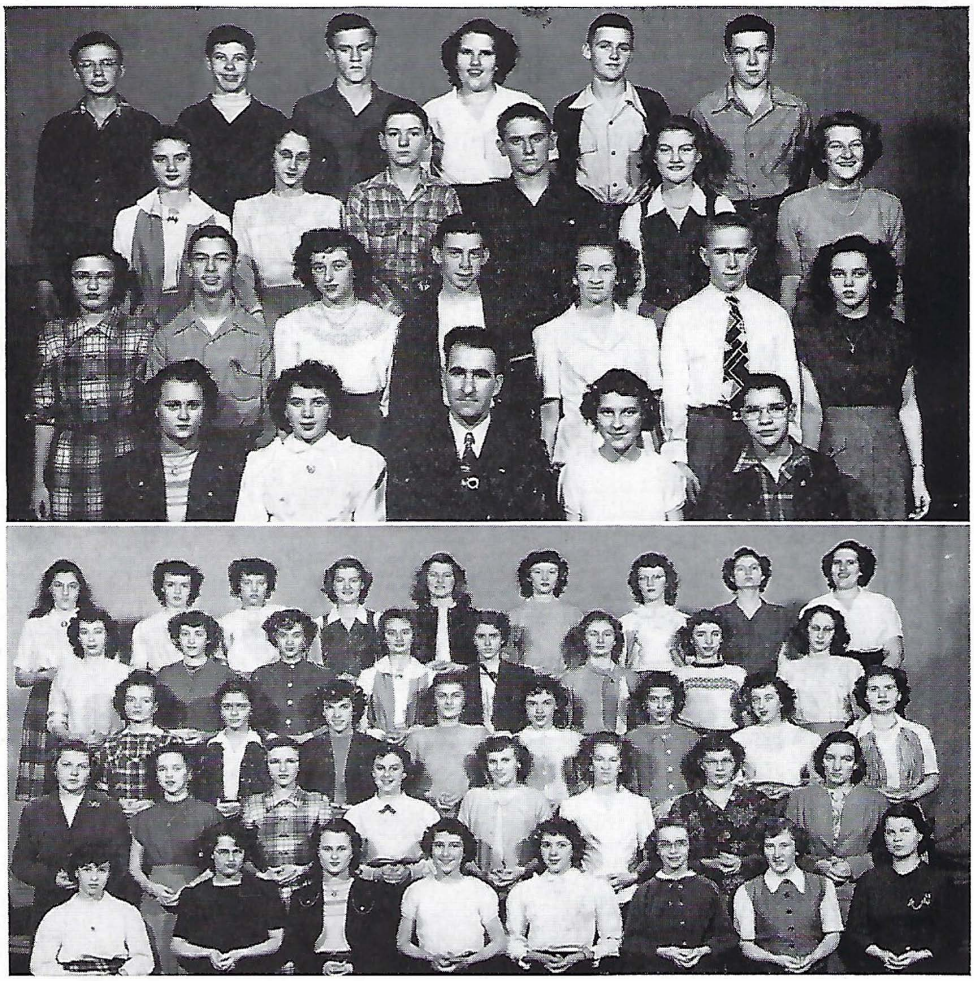
CIVIL AIR PATROL

The C.A.P., under the leadership of Mr. W. D. Keyes, took trips to Springfield and other places during the year to study about the airplane and how to fly it.

Nita McKinney was the typist for the C.A.P.

The regular meetings were held once a week at the high school.

Fourth Row (l. to r.): Braden, L. Fornwalt, Cunningham, Lanter, D. Sullivan, G. Hughes.
Third Row (l. to r.): C. Grimes, Ishmael, Busick, Sinkosky, Greene, J. Doak.
Second Row (l. to r.): Stoutenborough, P. Arnold, G. Hughes, Elliot, Adams, Terrell, Warner.
First Row (l. to r.): B. Sullivan, McKinney, Mr. Keyes, N. Bliss, D. Clifton.



First Row (l. to r.): P. Arnold, Cox, B. Sullivan, N. Bliss, McKinney, M. E. Hockaday, Heim, Miss Worner.
Second Row (l. to r.): Stormer, Warner, Stoutenborough, Liming, S. McCay, Adams, Dunham, C. Widick.
Third Row (l. to r.): P. Riley, Ridgeway, Pope, P. McCay, Jennings, B. Bliss, G. Hughes, K. Randall.
Fourth Row (l. to r.): J. Randall, Vaughn, Smithers, C. Grimes, Dubson, R. Randall, B. Grimes, Ishmael.
Fifth Row: (l. to r.): N. Fornwalt, N. Bolen, Montgomery, Greene, Leach, Wilson, Gall, M. Gardner, Lanter.

GLEE CLUB

The glee club, consisting of forty girls, was organized under the direction of Miss Worner. Mary Ellen Hockaday was pianist and Rosemary Randall, chairman of the group.

The glee club made its first public appearance at the December P.-T.A. meeting, at which time the girls sang several Christmas carols. Several members also appeared at the County Chorus at Argenta.

SPANISH CLUB

The Spanish Club "Espanol" was organized this year with thirteen members. The following officers were elected: Presidente, "Senor Juan", Roger James; Vice-presidente, "Senorita Maria Helen", Mary Helen Frederick; Secretaria, "Senorita Maria", Mary Dunham; Treasurer, "Senorita Carolina", Carolyn Grimes.

The highlight of the Spanish Club this year was the "Lo Navidad", or Christmas party, with the pinata filled with candy and nuts, and Spanish games and songs. Understanding Spanish customs and language through games, dances, and songs, was the main purpose of our club. All the members of the club chose Spanish names, as follows: Carlos, David Foulke; Vicente, Bill Bailey; Pablo, Phil Arnold; Roslia, Peggy Arnold; Maria Helena, Mary Helen Frederick; Juan, Roger James; Jose, Kenneth Burris; Geraldo, Jerry Bolen; Carolina, Carolyn Grimes; Maria, Mary Dunham; Junia, Betty June Lanter; Lucia, Marilyn Greene; and Advisor, Senorita Worner.

Second Row (l. to r.): P. Arnold, P. Arnold, J. Bolen, Lanter, Burris, Bailey, Greene.
First Row (l. to r.): Miss Worner, Foulke, Frederick, James, Dunham, C. Grimes.

First Row (l. to r.): Cheerleaders: Jay, Doak, Weikle.
Second Row (l. to r.): Frederick, McKinney, Dunham, Stormer, N. Bliss, B. Sullivan, Hensley.
Third Row (l. to r.): Ridgeway, P. McCay, J. Randall, Leach, Miss Fort, Lanter, N. Bolen, Pope, K. Randall.

PEP SQUAD

The Pep Squad was organized by Miss Fort, girls physical education instructor, for the purpose of helping the cheerleaders at our contests, especially the football and basketball games. The group always sits close together in a group to assist the cheerleaders by forming a nucleus which know all the yells and school songs. They have helped the school spirit a great deal this year. They have cooperated with the Pep Committee to help make it an active club in the school.

CLASS PLAYS

WHAT A LIFE!

The senior class play was presented under the direction of Miss Grimmer, with the assistance of Miss Sitter and Nellie Fornwalt, student director. The cast included: Henry Aldrich, Max Scott; Barbara Pearson, Carolyn Grimes; Mrs. Aldrich, Sherleen Gall; Miss Shea, Betty Wilson; Mr. Nelson, Roger James; Mr. Bradley, Bob Austin; Miss Pike, Rosemary Randall; Mr. Vecchitto, Ken Burris; Miss Johnson, Marjean Montgomery; Mary, Betty Smithers; Miss Eggleston, Mary Ellen Hockaday; Miss Wheeler, Gloria Hughes; George Bigelow, Eugene Riley; Mr. Ferguson, James Hockaday; Bill, Frank Jarvis; Gertie, Nita McKinney.

This play deals with the trials of Henry Aldrich as an adolescent high school student. Two particular things make high school life very trying for Henry, his father and George Bigelow, the high school bully, who not only hates Henry, but seems to have the inside track with Henry's girl, Barbara. The one and only scene is laid in the principal's office of Central High School.

L. to R.: M. Hockaday, Randall, James, Montgomery, Scott, Smithers, Creason, McKinney, Hughes, Rogers, Miss Sitter, Austin, Wilson, Miss Grimmer, Parlier, Jarvis, Fornwalt, J. Hockaday, Burris, Riley, Grimes, Gall.

Sitting (l. to r.): St. John, Randall, Bolen, Warner, Query, Leach.
Standing (l. to r.): Weikle, Gardner, Argo, Stoutenborough, Tharp, Grubbs, Miss Sitter, Miss Grimmer.

SMALL TOWN ROMEO

The junior class play was presented under the direction of Miss Sitter and Miss Grimmer, her assistant director. The cast included: Joe, Dick Tharp; Sly, Dick Argo; Bud, Bill Grubbs; Betty, Nancy Bolen; Sarah, Marjorie Leach; Miss Gates, Janice Randall; Jane, Joan Warner; Anna, Maryilynn St. John; student director, Patty Stoutenborough; Stage manager, Darrell Weikle.

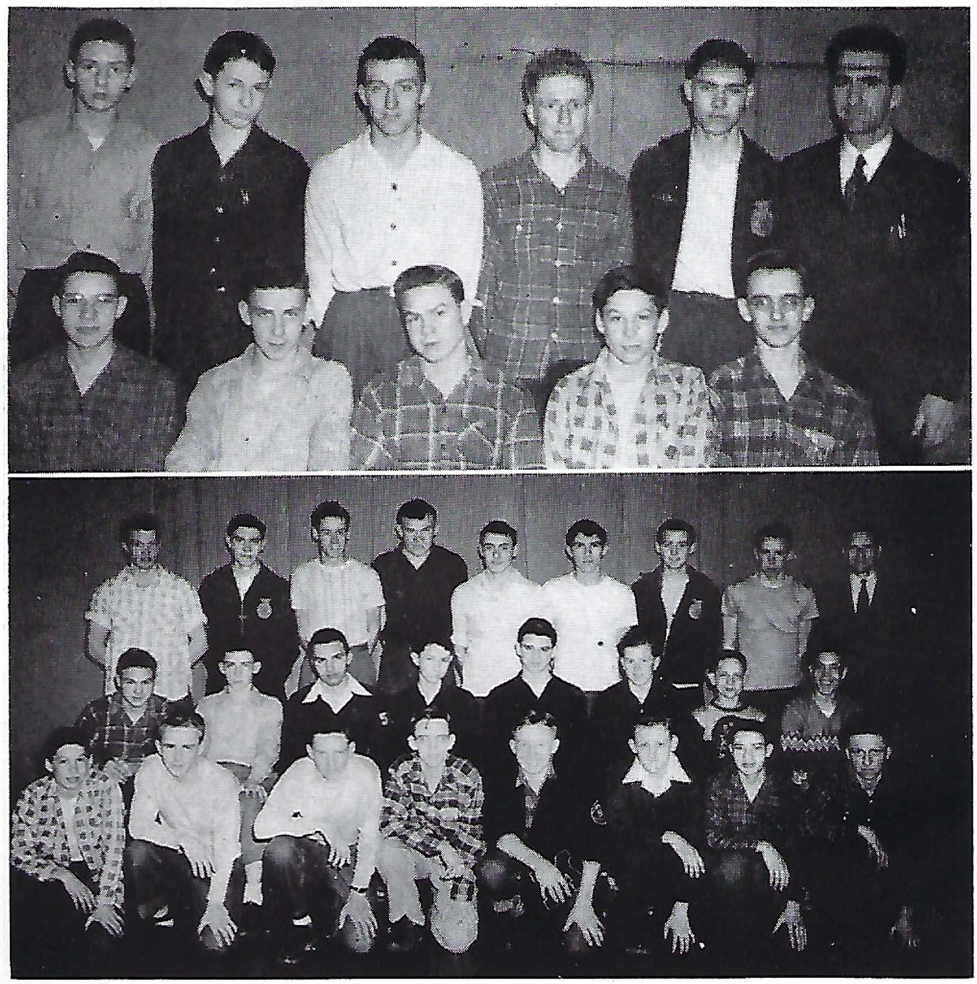
Joe Stanford, a young playwright, goes to Rushville to search for a plot for his new play. There he finds just what he needs in a little hotel run by Betty Braxton. Betty is having a difficult time because Morton Kendall, the meanest man in town, holds a mortgage on the hotel. In his eagerness to help Betty, Joe discovers that the play is writing itself.

RADIO CLUB

The Radio Club was organized during the second semester, under the supervision of Mr. Keyes. The fundamentals of electricity were taught by lectures, demonstrations and motion pictures. Radio sets were constructed and used for code practice.

The boys were also given an opportunity to repair old radio sets which were brought to them by citizens of the community. One regular period a week and several evenings were devoted to this club.

First Row (l. to r.): D. Clifton, Elliott, McGee, E. Pennypacker, Gentle.
Second Row (l. to r.): Busick, Bolen, Query, Bailey, F. Clifton, Mr. Keyes.



First Row (l. to r.): E. Pennypacker, Terrell, Mashburn, Gentle, Argo, Burks, D. Clifton, Bailey.
Second Row (l. to r.): McGee, Elliott, J. Pennypacker, Bolen, Lazell, Morgan, R. Hockaday, J. Hockaday.
Third Row (l. to r.): Riley, F. Clifton, Scott, Doak, Austin, Weikle, Sullivan, Jarvis, Mr. Shull.

HI-Y

The boys' Hi-Y, under the sponsorship of Mr. Shull, elected the following officers: President, Melbourne Lazell, and Vice-president, Bill Bailey. The entertainment committee consisted of Dorwin Sullivan, chairman, Frank Jarvis, and Darrell Weikle.

The club used the high school gymnasium for recreation. Their regular meetings were held every Monday night.

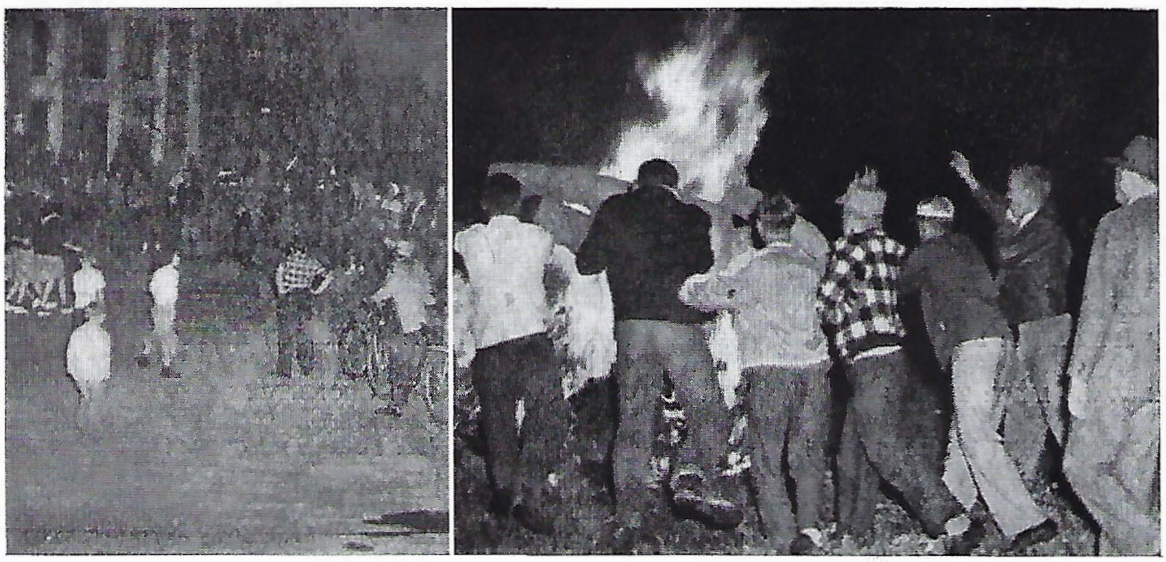
HOMECOMING

HOMECOMING QUEEN

This year our school queen was Betty Smithers. Her court consisted of Marjean Montgomery, Joan Warner, Rebecca Jennings, Mary Helen Frederick, Reva Bristow, Kathleen Randall, and Phyllis McCay. They were escorted by Roger James, Max Scott, Gene Riley, Tom Doak, Guy Neibuhr, Jack Creason, Frank Jarvis, Robert Austin, and Ken Burris. At 10:00 P. M. the court entered to the music of "A Pretty Girl Is Like A Melody". Mrs. John Hensley, the former Annetta Johnson, gave her crown to Tom Doak, who in turn crowned Betty Smithers. The next dance was danced by the new queen and her court.

BETTY SMITHERS

HOMECOMING DANCE



HOMECOMING PARADE AND BONFIRE

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MIDDLE LEFT: AGRICULTURE

MIDDLE RIGHT: SPEECH FOUR

LOWER LEFT: FOODS

LOWER RIGHT: CLOTHING

CALENDAR

Sept. 7—School begins.
10—Instrument display.
16—P.-T.A.
17—Farmer City (there).
21—Distribution Elements Animal Reports.
22—Movie.
23—F.F.A. Leadership school.
24—St. Teresa (there).
25—Football U. I.
28—Pictures of students.
29—Frozen foods show.

Oct. 1—Illiopolis (Homecoming).
4—Tuberculin tests.
6—Freshman Mixer.
7—Assumption (there).
8—F.F.A. and F.H.A. weiner roast.
12—Senior pictures.
14—P.-T.A.
15—Moweaqua (here). End of 1st six weeks.
19—G.A.A.
21—American Legion Night.
22—Lovington (here).
26—Hallowe'en party.
28—Independent basketball game.
29—Bethany (there).

Nov. 5—F.F.A. grain show.
9—P.-T.A.
16—Conservation program.
17—Movie.
19—Senior play.
23—Mt. Zion (here).
24—End of 2nd six weeks.
29—Maroa and Forsyth basketball game.
30—Wapella (here).

Dec. 1—Independent basketball game.
2—Band concert.
3—Warrensburg (there).
7—Bethany (there).
8—Grade school band (club party).
9—P.-T.A.
10—Argenta (here).
12—Messiah Here.
13—F.F.A. recreation evening.
14—Senior class party.
15—Lions club.
16—F.F.A. scrap drive.
17—Alumni (here).
21—Kenney (there).
22—Christmas party and dance.
28—Niantic Tourney.
29—Niantic Tourney.
30—Niantic Tourney.

Jan. 4—DeLand (here).
5—Independent basketball game.
7—St. Teresa (here).
11—Wapella (there). G.A.A. Tumbling.
12—Movie.
13—P.-T.A.
14—Niantic (there).
18—Warrensburg (here). G.A.A. Tumbling.
19—Independent basketball game.
20-21—Exams.
24—Argenta (there).
26-27—Macon County Tourney.

Feb. 4—Mt. Zion (there). G.A.A. Tumbling.
9—Hi-Tri.
10—P.-T.A.
11—Niantic (here). G.A.A. Tumbling.
15—Beason (there). G.A.A. Tumbling.
16—Movie.
18—Lovington (here).
21—Section F.F.A. pick up corn.
22—Farmer City (there). G.A.A. Tumbling.
23—Afternoon assembly.
24—P.-T.A. variety show.

Mar. 1—Junior play practice.
8—F.F.A. banquet.
10—P.-T.A.
11—End of 4th six weeks.
16—Movie.
18—Macon Band Festival at Blue Mound.
20—Band concert.
25—High school band contest at Clinton.
31—Junior play.

April 2—F.H.A. sectional rally.
4—Sectional public speaking contest, 8:00 P. M., here.
13—Movie.
14—P.-T.A.
15—Good Friday—No school.
17—Easter.
22—End of 5th six weeks.
28—Spring musical.
29—Hi-Tri.

May 11—Movie.
12—P.-T.A.
13—Junior-Senior banquet and prom.
26—Final exams.
27—Final exams. Class night.
29—Baccalaureate, 8:00 P. M.
30—Decoration Day—No school.

June 1—Record grades.
2—End of 6th six weeks. All-school picnic.
2—Commencement, 8:00 P. M.

SNAPSHOTS

AN APPRECIATION

The Maroa High School has had a Parent-Teachers' Association for a long time. This organization has helped the school in many ways, not only by keeping up the community spirit and support for the high school, but working together for the betterment of the boys and girls.

Many people are not aware of the additional material aid which they have given. In former years, it has given valuable items to the high school, such as: a wire recorder, money toward an honor plaque, money for a movie projector, paid doctors for pupil physical examinations for many years, donated to the Red Cross, and purchased silverware, dishes, and glassware for the home economics department.

This year, they have sponsored many activities and given money toward various funds. A sum of money was given to the high school for free trophies for winners of a local speech contest to create interest in public speaking. They bought a large coffee maker and much-needed kitchen equipment for the home economics department, fifty dollars toward a new magazine rack for the high school library, helped on the immunization program, and a donation to the American Red Cross. They also sponsored a new venture by providing a trip to the class which had the largest per cent of attendance of parents at the regular P.-T.A. meetings. The class of 1949 won this trip. In addition to the trip, each member of the class was given an amount to purchase a substantial dinner on the way. Besides this they paid for their page in the high school annual and gave an additional substantial amount to help finance the annual to take the place of the usual patrons and patronesses.

The senior class of 1949, as well as the alumni, and underclassmen, are deeply appreciative of the fine work which they are doing for our unit high school and wish to take this opportunity to express our most sincere thanks.

Class of 1949

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JACK HILL—Working at Kuhl's Implement Company, Decatur, Illinois.

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ANNETTA JOHNSON—Mrs. John Hensley, Maroa, Illinois.

ARTHUR LEACH—Employed at H. K. Ferguson Construction Co., Decatur, Illinois.

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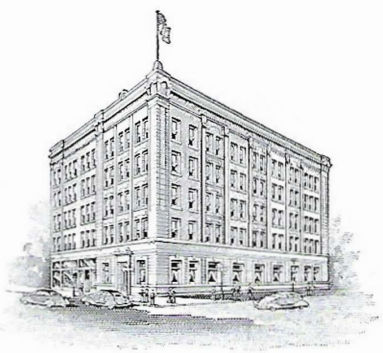

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